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**Mrs. Chapman Catt Tells Plans of International Alliance. Predicts Advance**

[By Latest Mail]  
LONDON—Mrs. Chapman Catt, the deservedly esteemed president of the International Alliance for Woman Suffrage, received a representative of the Christian Science Monitor recently at the new offices of the alliance in Adams street, Strand.

As will be remembered, Mrs. Catt gave her views on the international aspect of the woman suffrage question to a representative of the Christian Science Monitor just before she left England for the Budapest congress, and the chief object of the present interview was to obtain from Mrs. Catt her impressions of the congress, and the evidence which in her opinion afforded the growth of the movement.

Mrs. Catt received the Monitor representative in a spacious room, which, however, gave evidence of being still in a state of preparation. "You see," said Mrs. Catt, with a smile, "we are only just moving in, and to tell you that we are opening out a new office is almost superfluous, but I may tell you our object. As the outcome of the congress at Budapest, we have decided to fix our international bureau in London, and we are seeking to make it a center for the dissemination of information of all kinds in connection with the women's movement. We are seeking to make it a place where information on any question affecting the activities of women will be available.

"For instance, I see from today's papers that a woman has just been refused, in England, admission to the bar. Well, that is a point which we are taking up. Women have been admitted to the bar in other European countries, and one woman at least is acting in the capacity of lawyer in the British dependency of India. All information on that matter we will, in the next few days, have accumulated, and it will be at the disposal of any woman who wants to understand the position on this point. If you extend this system to every conceivable branch of women's activities, you will gain a just sense of what we hope to accomplish."

Questioned as to the position of the alliance generally, Mrs. Catt said that they had auxiliary branches in practically every country in the world, with the exception, in Europe, of Greece, Spain and the grand duchy of Luxembourg, and in the rest of the world with the exception of South America. The reason, she said, in answer to a question why they had not as yet touched South America, was largely a question of language.

"I do not think," Mrs. Catt said, "that it is generally realized in what a large part of the habitable globe only Spanish is spoken; you have in South America practically a whole continent, and as it is a language which is not generally learned, we have been largely hampered in this direction. We have, however, correspondents already in Spain, and I anticipate that before very long we shall commence work in Spanish-speaking countries."

Coming to the Budapest congress, Mrs. Catt said that it was so large and such a tremendous advance on the one at Stockholm two years ago, that they were literally overwhelmed. "At every congress," she said, "the numbers have been doubled, and at Budapest, they were more than doubled. It was so huge that it has been found necessary for us to reconsider the whole question of international congresses, and to consider some other way of holding them."

The attitude, she said, of the Hungarian government toward the congress was most generous and encouraging. They had contributed £500 for the purpose of extending hospitality to the delegates; they had entertained them to a special fete, which cost over £400, and there had been a gala performance at the opera house in their honor. In addition to this, Mrs. Catt continued, the municipality of Budapest contributed £500, the Board of Trade £50 and the Board of Agriculture £60, and they had, moreover, received letters from the authorities saying how much good had been done by the congress, and expressing their warm sympathy with its objects.

In regard to the attitude of the Hungarian government toward the question of woman suffrage, Mrs. Catt said that whilst on the whole it was quite encouraging, nevertheless, at this particular moment, the subject would probably be hung up. The government had recently extended the franchise, and about 800,000 men had been admitted. The usual result of such extensions was to call a halt for the time.

In answer to the question as to which country, in her opinion, had made most rapid advance recently, Mrs. Catt said that, as might be expected, the most rapid advance had been made by those countries where the question of woman suffrage was, as they put it on the continent, a "question actual." It is, she said, a "question actual" in Sweden, Holland and Denmark, and there great progress has been made recently, and especially in Holland where it is expected that the granting of votes to women will not now long be delayed.

"There is, by the way, in Holland at the moment a most interesting political situation. I returned from there only a few days ago. At the recent elections the electors accomplished what they have been long trying for, that is, to turn out the Conservative Clerical government, and the result has been that although the Liberals and Socialists together have a majority they are still in the minority separately, that is to say,

that the Socialists hold the balance of power.

"The Liberals desired a coalition and offered the Socialists three seats in the cabinet, this the Socialists have declined. What the result will be it is hard to say, but I do not think there is any doubt that it is generally recognized as a moment very favorable for the serious introduction of woman franchise, inasmuch as universal franchise is a first plank in both the Liberal and Socialist platforms."

The Monitor representative's next question was aimed at ascertaining Mrs. Catt's view on the recent "Cat-and-Mouse" act. Mrs. Catt at once addressed herself to answering the question with a readiness which showed no doubt that she had made up her mind. "I consider it," she said, "from every point of view to be entirely bad. To an American it is impossible, primarily, apart from all humanitarian considerations, for this reason: As you will remember, the American revolution had its origin chiefly in the attempt of the English government to impose post facto laws upon the colonists, and it has been ever since a fundamental principle in American law that when any crime is committed the criminal should be tried under the laws existing at the time of the commission of the crime."

Precedent Called Bad. "In our view, the fact that the cat-and-mouse act transgresses this principle stamps it at once as bad. It sets up a pernicious precedent. It is also bad because the net result is to secure sympathy and support for militancy from people who would not otherwise be inclined to accord either. It is rightly looked upon as being barbarous and as being a form of torture, which should not be tolerated for a moment in a civilized country."

"Then again, from the point of view of common sense, it is literally absurd. You arrest people for the commission of a definite crime, after an honest trial you commit them to prison, and then after a short time you release them in order that they may be free to commit other crimes. It is in fact, an admission of weakness on the part of the government, it amounts to a declaration that although these women have been convicted of a serious crime, after an honest trial, nevertheless there is in the charge such an element of doubt that they cannot allow the law to take its course in the ordinary way."

Questioned as to her opinion in regard to what should be done, Mrs. Catt said definitely that it was a choice between two evils, allowing the hunger strikers to attain their purpose, or letting them out under the cat-and-mouse act, but she had no hesitation in saying that the cat-and-mouse act in operation was by far the more demoralizing of the two.

In regard to militancy generally, Mrs. Catt said that it had often been remarked that England was the only country in the world where militancy obtained. "That," she said, "is perhaps not surprising, because it really is the only country in the world where the granting of suffrage to women is being steadily refused, and where the refusal lies in the power of a small body of men. In the United States, for instance, the granting or withholding of woman suffrage does not rest with the cabinet but with the whole body of male electors, and you will at once recognize the futility of entering upon a militant campaign against millions of men. On the continent, on the other hand, where the decision does largely rest with the cabinet the authorities have shown themselves uniformly sympathetic towards the movement."

Second Reason Given. "Then there is another reason, and I have been increasingly impressed with this since my visit of three or four months to this country; from all I have seen of the English people today, and from all I have read of their history in the past, I seem to see very clearly that they are a people of a tremendously strong character, tremendously opinionated and extremely conservative or tremendously radical. They have been so for a thousand years, and it is just this dominating spirit which will not give in either one way or the other, which has made them the conquerors of the world."

"I am convinced that the ultimate of all nations is the same, that all nations will one day come to the place where they will govern themselves, and where that government will be carried on in the most enlightened lines, but in this great struggle towards a higher and higher plane of political righteousness, England leads the way, and it is right here in this country and in this great city where all the political problems which have exercised the intelligence of mankind for centuries, are working out most rapidly, and are seen nearest the surface. There is no doubt in my mind how they will be worked out."

"In England you have a superabundance of all that is good, and all that will ultimately secure the solution of these problems. You have abundance of intelligence, abundance of integrity, and abundance of the real desire for political righteousness, and the end can never for a moment be in doubt."

Representative Nolan of San Francisco is seriously ill in Washington.

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## HILLO NOTES

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

HILLO, Hawaii, Sept. 8.—Announcement was made Saturday noon that the date of the convening of the grand jury had been postponed from September 15th, the date first named, until September 29th. There are a number of reasons for the postponing of the grand jury session, but the only official explanation made is that the earlier date might conflict with the date of the civic convention in Honolulu, at which a number of the jurymen wish to be in attendance.

Commissioner William Williamson and Accountant H. Gooding Field and Cooke left Sunday morning on their way to Kau and Kona, where they are to continue their Hawaii investigation. Williamson says that there are a number of suspicious circumstances connected with the payrolls of the two districts and he wants to get into the districts where he can ascertain if any of the names used are dummies.

Mrs. Joe da Silva, a widow and the mother of Captain E. da Silva and E. J. da Silva, deputy sheriff at Hana, Maui, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning from heart trouble at the age of sixty-seven years. She had been a resident of Hawaii for thirty-four years. The deceased had been in failing health for a number of years and her death was not unexpected by her relatives. A week ago she asked that her son from Maui be summoned to Hawaii and he was at her bedside, with other relatives, when she died.

With the hands clasped as though in prayer, the body of a middle aged Japanese was discovered floating in the Waialoa river early this morning by Matson Steamship Company employees. They notified the police who took the body from the river and summoned a coroner's jury to investigate the cause of the man's death. The Japanese was identified by acquaintances as Fujiwara, a former breakwaterman.

With the exception of two important amendments, the mass meeting called to discuss the Waialoa lot sale at Moheau park Friday night, adopted a resolution containing recommendations similar to those approved by the Waialoa residents at a meeting last Wednesday night. One of the changes made in the Waialoa recommendations by the mass meeting was that a purchaser of a lot be allowed the privilege of making improvements amounting to \$300 within two years, in lieu of the proposed residential restriction. Another change suggested by Archer Irwin and strongly approved by Henry Lyman, was that the disposition of the lots be by drawing and not by auction. It was argued that if the lots were secured by a drawing it would eliminate the danger of the prices being run up to a prohibitive figure for a poor man, by bidders at an auction.

A. G. Hime, a brother of Frank Hime, arrived on the Wilhelmina for a visit in Hilo before returning to his home in Kekaha, Kauai. He has just returned from a trip to the coast.

J. T. Moir returned Thursday from a three months trip through the States and to Scotland.

E. N. Holmes and Master Holmes returned from the mainland by the Wilhelmina. Mrs. Holmes will return on a later steamer.

Three United States army officers of the G. M. C. were on Hawaii this week buying horses. They went from Hilo to Waimea in order to inspect the horses of the Parker ranch.

The passing of Laupahoehoe to the mauka railroad station site is indicated by a resolution introduced at the session of the Supervisors by Keoloha. The resolution cites that most of the village "is moving up to the railroad station" and advises that the government land be secured near the new site for public buildings. The resolution was approved.

A. J. Wilson has been appointed road overseer for the Hamakua district, and A. N. Boyle road clerk. This is the result of a resolution introduced by Supervisors Pritchard and carried a clause instructing the county clerk to notify W. N. Kauahikaua, the present road overseer, that his services are no longer needed.

Chemist Donald has resigned his position at Honokaa and will soon leave for Honolulu. Mrs. Donald went to Honolulu last Monday evening.

H. C. Cressman, after a tour of the western states, returned to Hilo on the Wilhelmina.

**MAUI NEWS**  
[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]  
C. J. Schoening, who met with a serious accident last Tuesday, breaking one rib, is much improved.

The ladies of the Makawao Union church have decided upon October 11 for their sale. The affair will take place at the mill in the sugar room.

The handsome new cement sidewalk on the south side of Main street has now been completed from Enos corner to the plantation property where Geo. W. Wilbur resides. The new work has made a vast difference in the appearance of the principal street of Waialua.

C. D. Lufkin is back from his coast trip and reports a splendid time. He says he is glad to see Maui again.

Mrs. Earl G. Bartlett, who has been playing the Waialua union church organ for the last few Sundays, was unable to give the recital she expected to give last Sunday because of the serious illness of her young daughter. Miss Edith Keola played for the service.

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area. The interesting case was tried before Judge Conradt at the Pukoo, Molokai, courthouse, and the boys who started the fire were fined \$25 each. Although the fine was a light one, it may be sufficient to teach the public not to play with fire in dry grass or in the forest regions. The boys were smoking, and the fire was more or less accidental, but it called out the inhabitants of Pukoo is a stiff fight with the fire demon, which was working rapidly toward the forest line above the pastures. Had it reached the timber, the fire would have done an irreparable damage to the forests of Molokai.

An organization of Greek women at Chicago has pledged \$10,000 to a fund for the restoration of Greek homes. It is easier to break a man's will than it is to sidetrack a woman's won't devastated by Bulgarians.

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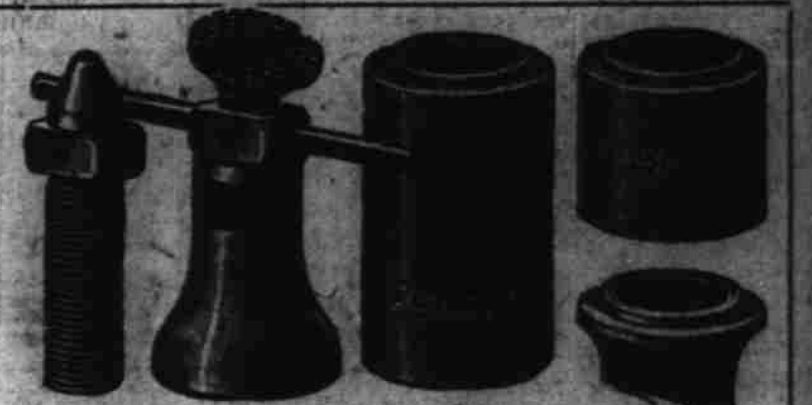
Mrs. Cleonia McDonald, of Town Creek, near Cumberland, Md., was struck by lightning and killed in her home on her 37th birthday.

Preparations have been completed for the construction of 22 new rooms to be annexed to the House office buildings in Washington at a cost of \$250,000.

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